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1. Unidentified leaders of the Vanguardia Popular Party (VPP) have been making plans to reorganize the VPP in Costa Rica, the ultimate goal being the participation of the Party in the next public elections. Reorganization has been retarded in the past because of a lack of organized labor syndicates, which form the backbone of the Party structure.
2. Source considered the situation in Costa Rica favorable to VPP reorganization by virtue of the leftist tendencies of the economic reforms dictated by the governing junta. It was added that should Otilio Ulate, president-elect of Costa Rica, wish to repeal the laws promulgated against private capital by the junta (the 10 per cent capital tax and nationalization of industries) the VPP would attempt to mobilize the masses in an effort to assure the maintenance of those decrees.

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**Comment.** Reorganization of the PVP on a legal basis is not yet possible under the laws of the present governing junta, and there is little evidence to indicate a change in the junta's attitude toward the Party. Therefore, whatever reorganization of the PVP is contemplated must necessarily be of an underground nature at present.

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